



Newsletter

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2022 Dates to Remember

Term 1

January

Mon 31st Call for School Council Nominations

February

Mon 7th Nominations close – 4pm
Tues 8th Foundation Information Night 6 – 7pm
14th – 18th Teacher Planning Week
Wed 23rd Parent Teacher Meetings
Mon 28th Foundation students first full week

March

Mon 14th **Public Holiday – Labour Day**
Tues 15th **Curriculum Day – no students at school**

April

Fri 8th **Last day Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)**

Term 2

Tues 26th **First day Term 2**

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 *Friday 28 January (teachers return) to Friday 8 April
Term 2 Tuesday 26 April to Friday 24 June
Term 3 Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4 Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December



Principal's Message

As principal I would like to take the opportunity in this first newsletter of the year to welcome all members of the school community as we embark on a new year together.

How wonderful it is to have our students back at school and we look forward now to hopefully a full year of onsite learning and progressively, the return of many experiences and events that may have not been possible over the last two years.

The beginning of each school year is I feel a suitable time to reflect upon the early days of our school and in turn, who we are now in place and time. So, that all important extract from the history books especially for new Kingsville parents.

Kingsville Primary School first opened the doors on August 1st 1919. Over the years the “large red brick school” as it has often been referred to, has stood the test of time and its inhabitants have witnessed many changes in the decades since day one. Back in 1919, the main building boasted eleven classrooms, a staffroom, one store room, an office and a foyer area. A photograph of the time shows the significant two storey structure dominated the physical landscape of the area and even now, with built up housing and the adjacent large greenbelt, it can be seen from quite a distance.

Two hundred and eighty children were enrolled or taken in on the first day. All the records were entered by hand and a long line of prospective students so the history books tell us, stretched out the door and around the corner. Within a week another 59 students had been added to the school enrolment then, by the end of August the total was 387 and by December and the Christmas break 410 students. Obviously the word spread quickly right from those early days that Kingsville was a great school.

In 2022 we are a school of 530 students (264 girls and 266 boys) – still a very sound gender balance. Many changes of course to the school facilities and the local area over the years but, the core business remains the same being the care of and, education of the students. Teachers and leadership are supported in their work by an engaged and passionate community of currently 381 families. Within these families there are over 20 different languages spoken, 19 countries the students were born in and, 30 countries identified as country of origin.

Our community embraces newcomers and is clearly supportive of all members. I personally know it also to be one which reaches out and demonstrates care and generosity not only to members of this community but, to others near and far. This was clearly evidenced in so many ways throughout the challenging times during the last two years and continues now in 2022.

At this point in time, we should look forward collectively to a productive and meaningful school year. Whilst many things will not be the same as they were prior to 2020 the changes, adaptations and even ongoing restrictions and difficulties will just be what we now deal with day to day. In rising to the challenges however it is vital to remember that at the heart of the school are the amazing children who motivate and inspire us all.

Beginning 2022 - snapshot

Friday 28th January 8.a.m.

The school set up and waiting for the students to arrive and, teachers engaged in planning and last minute preparations.

Monday 31st January 8.45a.m. - 9a.m.

A very different picture as most of the 475 students from Levels 1-6 descended on their school. The sight and sounds of students brought the school back to life very quickly. Whilst families could not catch up and mingle in the grounds there were of course many interactions around the perimeter of the school.

Tuesday 1st February

The class of 2028 (ie when they graduate from primary school) arrived and were welcomed into the school – the cohort is currently made up of 28 boys and 27 girls)

Tuesday 1st February 9.05 – 9.30a.m.

Children in their classrooms paying full attention to the teacher looking very smart in school uniform and a variety of new hair styles and, coping very well with being back at school .

Monday morning assembly

The whole school Monday morning assembly is an important part of the school week. We are pleased to announce the first 2022 assembly will take place next Monday. All students including Foundation have been part of “getting ready” for the assembly experience this afternoon.

Please note – in pre Covid times a number of parents did remain on school grounds during assembly however this is not possible at the moment.

We need all parents / carers to be off site before assembly begins.

Student Free Days 2022

Each year Victorian government schools allocate four student free days (when student instruction does not occur). These days are used for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and, student assessment and reporting.

The first day of Term 1 each year is a student free day in all government schools in Victoria. The remaining three are set by schools and approved by the School Council.

1. Friday January 28th determined by DET (state wide)
2. Tuesday March 15th
3. Friday June 10th
4. Monday October 31st

Student Leadership 2022

There are a number of elected student leadership roles across all levels F – 6. Many of these are determined during Term 1 however, our School Captains and Vice Captains are in place and have taken up their responsibilities with great dedication already. These students will be acknowledged to begin the school year at our first school assembly.

School Captains

Oscar Mulhallen
Frankie Blaisdell

School Vice-Captains

Harry Robertson
Maddie Salmon

Parent /teacher meetings & Foundation Information Night 2022

Foundation Information Night

- Tuesday 8th February, 6pm-7pm
- A Compass post with further information was sent on Thursday 3rd February

This session has become an embedded and vital part of Kingsville’s community communication. The Foundation Information Night offers an opportunity for parents of students beginning their “7 year primary school journey” at Kingsville PS to connect with the teachers and school leadership team.



Whilst information is provided to parents throughout the year, this session provides an overview and big picture details of what to expect for your child in Foundation at Kingsville, and for parents to ask questions and clarify any aspects of beginning school.

Parent Teacher Meetings

- Wednesday 23rd February
- Access to bookings will be available via Compass Friday 11th February

Parent Teacher meetings are a valuable opportunity to connect and develop the working relationships between parents/carers and teachers. This meeting is an opportunity to reflect and highlight the child's strengths, discuss any academic and or/social challenges or successes, and share other vital information.

Parent support and involvement in the education of their child/ren is a critical factor which impacts on their engagement and achievement. Creating a true partnership between home and school establishes shared expectations and a common language as for the child, supporting them in achieving their full potential. We encourage all parents to take the time to attend these meetings.

Please note: due to the current Victorian Government Covid-19 related requirements and protocols these sessions will take place via Webex. More information regarding this will be shared closer to the date. If you require alternative arrangements, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Teacher Planning Week

In 2022 Kingsville will continue to have two teacher planning weeks, one in Semester 1 and one in Semester 2.

The Semester 1 planning week will be completed in Week 3, beginning Monday 14th February.

What happens during this week?

Over the course of planning week each cohort of teachers is allocated a day to collaboratively plan the teaching and learning experiences and opportunities that will take place throughout the semester. This planning is driven by student, class and cohort data, making the teaching and learning relevant and meaningful for students.

Kingsville, through the PYP framework, utilises an inquiry-based, student-centred transdisciplinary curriculum framework that builds conceptual understanding. Through acknowledging and aiming to meet the diverse needs of the student – physically, socially, intellectually, emotionally – the programme aims to create learning that is engaging, relevant challenging and significant.

Within their teaching teams, teachers will also develop a yearly Program of Inquiry, mapping out the six transdisciplinary units of the Primary Years Programme across the year, and connecting the Learning Areas of English, Maths, Humanities, Science, Health and PE, Technology and The Arts to these units of inquiry.

Planning week is a significant undertaking by the school, both logistically and financially, however we value the time this provides for teachers to plan, develop, and implement high-quality, targeted teaching and learning programs.

On the day that teaching teams are planning the classroom program is supported by the specialist teachers and casual relief teachers.

The dates of different levels planning days will be provided as soon as possible.

Sam Eason
Acting Assistant Principal



Annual Privacy Reminder

In line with DET requirements please see annual privacy reminder for school community. This is published to assure parents/guardians that the school is complying with the Privacy and Data Protection Act.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) (on DET website).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website.

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).



Happy Birthday

1st January – 4th February

Happy birthday to Keaton Fawcett, Veeron Sharma, Liam O'Shaughnessy, Sam Couper, Flynn Messig, Lochy West, Elke Yorke, Millie Wheeler, Sev Herrmann, Marlie Kupsch, Vivian Mondkar, Erica Heap, Julian Browne, Isis McKenzie, Atlas Hawkins, Phoebe Sherwood, Nicholas Casaneanu, Elizabeth McColl, Emma Hernandez, Freya Swan, Frances Blaisdell, Henry McDonald, Dylan Vellu, Oliver Pugsley, Issy Cioli, Charlie Clenick, Lewis Metcalf, Heidi Land, Hestan Ho, Indie Johnstone, Leo Masterton, Eva Boddey, Elliot Millar, Nina Sheppard, Sadie Kinred, Hugo Messig, Helina Tebeje, Eila McCarthy, Kinoah Romero, Mia Edwards, Seb Moca, Ben Marmo, Abel Hafte, Johnnie Munro, Andy Diep, Tadhg Avery, Jake Daghish, Scarlett Domone and Ravi Karunajeewa

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____



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Dear Kingsville families,

A warm welcome to all new and current families to Camp Australia - Kingsville Primary School. We also welcome our 2022 Foundation (prep) year level and all new families coming to Camp Australia.

Registration and Booking alterations:

We would like to let our new families know that in order to access care at Camp Australia, please register your child online at www.campaustralia.com.au or call our customer care 1300 105 343. Once the child is registered, a booking can be made online or by calling customer care for required care.

In case you need to change your booking, you can do it online or call our customer support. Our customer care team on 1300 105 343 is ready to support you with alteration of your booking to fit your circumstances.

It is also important that you also call/text on our service number (0401 054 261) to inform us if any changes are being made especially with a late booking. Also, if child has been collected from school early, please inform us our service number (0401 054 261) to avoid inconvenience. Your child's safety is our utmost priority, and it is critical that open communication is maintained to ensure safety and wellbeing of all the children in our care.

Foundation children will be escorted to and from OSHC room to their respective classes for entire term 1 to allow smooth transition.

Medical Needs:

Reminder for families who have children with medical needs, please feel free to come a day prior to your booking to complete the medical documentation (Action Plan is required along with labelled medication). This will prepare us to better support your child in case of emergencies.

Warmest regards,

Arshdeep Kaur & Carmel Cooper (Camp Australia Kingsville PS)